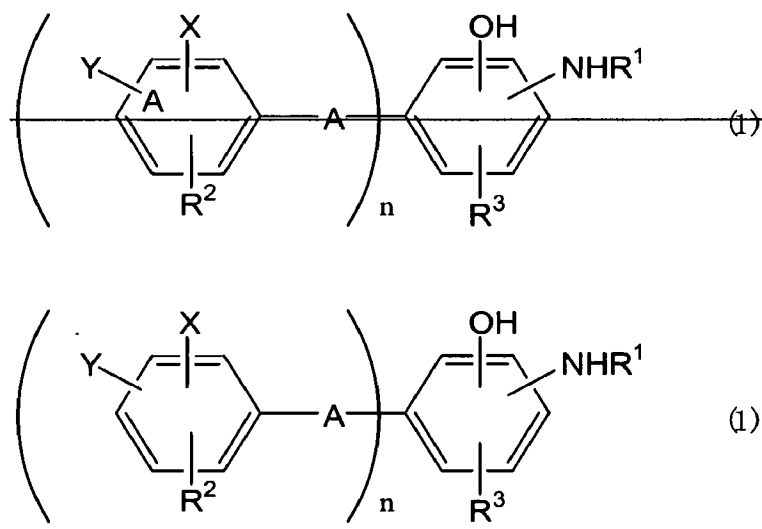


IN THE CLAIMS

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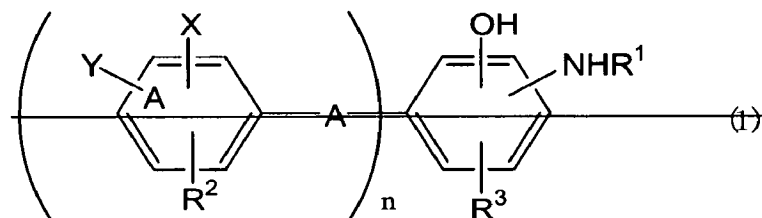
1. (Currently Amended) ~~An antioxidant made of~~ A method of using an aromatic hydroxyamine derivative having a structure represented by the general formula (I) as an antioxidant:

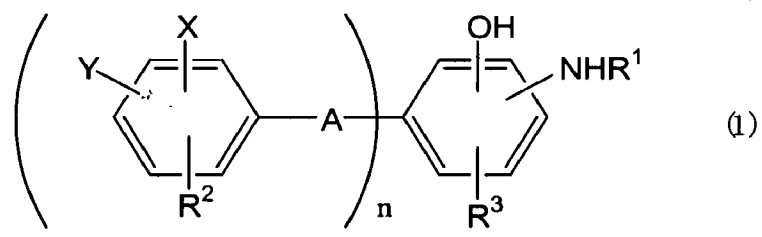


wherein R¹, R² and R³ are each independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms; X is a hydrogen atom or an OH group; Y is a hydrogen atom or an NHR¹ group; A is a direct bond, -O-, -NH-, -SO₂-, -CH₂- or -C(CH₃)₂-, and when an OH group and an NHR¹ group are introduced to a unilateral benzene ring, these groups are respectively bonded to adjacent positions of the benzene ring; and n is 0 or 1 with the proviso that when n is 0, R¹ is not a hydrogen atom.

2. (Currently Amended) A method ~~The antioxidant~~ according to claim 1, wherein the antioxidant is used for plastics, rubbers or petroleum products.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of using a ~~A~~ bisaminophenol derivative represented by the general formula (I) as an antioxidant:





wherein n is 1; R² and R³ are each a hydrogen atom; X is an OH group; Y is an NHR¹ group; A is -C(CH₃)₂-; and R¹ is isopropyl, isobutyl or isohexyl.